

IN THE CLAIMS

Applicant submits the following amendments in the form required by MPEP §1453. Please amend the following claims:

54. In a blood sampler having a tubular outer body with an open end and a needle retraction body disposed opposite the open end, the improvement comprising an end closure for the tubular outer body that initiates retraction of a needle into the tubular outer body by operation of the retraction body.

55. The blood sampler of claim 54 wherein the improvement comprises an end closure attached to the outer body to close the open end of the outer body and also initiate retraction of a needle into the outer body by operation of the retraction body.

56. The blood sampler of claim 55 wherein the improvement comprises an end closure attached by a hinge to the outer body to close the open end and thereby initiate retraction of a needle into the tubular outer body by operation of the retraction body.

57. The blood sampler of claim 54 wherein the improvement comprises an end closure attached to the outer body to close the open end and thereby initiate retraction of a needle into the tubular outer body by operation of the retraction body, the end closure and outer body being unitarily molded.

58. The blood sampler of claim 54 wherein the improvement further comprises a movable member disposed between the end closure and the retraction body, the retraction body being releasable when the movable member is displaced by movement of the end closure during closure of the open end of the tubular outer body.

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